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TAGS: CG, OREP (BOWEN, DAVID R.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMAN BOWEN

REF: KINSHASA 11000 AND 11048

1. CONGRESSMAN BOWEN ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE THE INVITATION OF THE AMBASSADOR TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE WHILE IN KINSHASA.

2. BOWEN REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED IN REFTELS, BUT WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE PRIMARY REASON FOR HIS STOPPING IN KINSHASA IS TO GAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANGOLAN SITUATION IN PREPARATION FOR THE JANUARY HOUSE DEBATE ON ANGOLA. HE WANTS TO KEEP DEVELOPMENT SIDE OF SCHEDULE TO MINIMUM. HE OUTLINED HIS GOALS IN ZAIRE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ANGOLAN SITUATION FROM
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GOZ PERSPECTIVE. THIS MIGHT INVOLVE MEETINGS WITH GOZ

CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND WOULD INCLUDE,
IF POSSIBLE, A SHORT MEETING WITH MOBUTU. (BOWEN
REALIZES SUCH MEETINGS MAY PROVE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE.)

B. EVALUATE CAPABILITIES OF ZAIRIAN MILITARY TO INFLUENCE
THE OUTCOME IN ANGOLA.

C. WILL ALSO SEEK INFORMATION ON U.S. ROLE IN ANGOLA.

BOWEN HAS INFORMED US HE WISHES TO BACK THE
ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON ANGOLA IN CONGRESS AND
NEEDS ABOVE INFORMATION IN THIS CONNECTION.

3. BOWEN SUGGESTS THERE BE A TOUR OF SOME ZAIRIAN
MILITARY TRAINING FACILITY. HE ALSO WILL WANT TO SEE
MILITARY EQUIPMENT ARRIVING IN MATADI FOR THE FAZ, AND
INQUIRED ABOUT BRIEF VISIT INTO ANGOLA. (DEPARTMENT
DISCOURAGED THIS.)

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ACCORD USUAL COURTESIES TO BOWEN
AND SCHEDULE BRIEFINGS AND TOURS AS APPROPRIATE
BEARING IN MIND THAT BOWEN HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL
BRIEFINGS GIVEN CONGRESS ON ANGOLA. ROBINSON

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